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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 May 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10 and 12-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 17 and 18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8, 10, 12 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/14/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2, 5-8, 10, 12, 13-16 are objected to because of the following informalities: as per claim 2, the claim recites the limitations of "wherein the scrambling code multiplied to each subcarrier by the transmitter uses a predetermined pattern established according to the user's orthogonal code combination". However, it is noted that there is no previous limitation to "a scrambling code being multiplied by a subcarrier", recited in the claim. This objection can be overcome by rewriting the same as follow: "wherein the transmitter multiplies the scrambling code by each subcarrier, and wherein the scrambling code uses a predetermined pattern established according to the user's orthogonal code combination ". The same comment applies to similar limitation, recited in claim 10.

Claim 5, line 5, "chip signal" should be replaced by "chip signals" so as to make use of antecedent in line 4.

Claim 6, last line "a system" should be replaced by " the communication system" so as to make use of antecedent in line 1.

Claim 7, line 1, "communication" is mistyped as "communication".

Claim 12, lines 3-4, the limitation "input for inverse fast Fourier transform for each chip" does not flow with the other limitations recited in the claim. In other words such limitation is awkwardly written.

Claim 13 recites "a system requirement", last line. However, it is noted that the claim is directed toward a method as oppose to "a system". The same comment applies to claim 15, lines 4-5.

Claim 14, line 2, the limitation "the transmitter finds a fixed scrambling pattern" appears to be an apparatus type limitation rather than a method type limitation.

Claim 16, line 4, "into modulation symbol", second occurrence should be deleted.

Note that any claim whose base claim is objected is likewise objected. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 2, 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2, the limitation "the user's orthogonal code combination" and "the identical user's orthogonal code combination" lack of proper antecedent basis.

As per claim 13, line 6, "the transmitter" lacks of proper antecedent basis. The same comment applies to claim 14, line 2.

Claim 10, the identical user's orthogonal code combination" lack of proper antecedent basis.

Note that any claim whose base claim is rejected is likewise rejected. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 5-8, 10, 12, 16 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objection set forth above.

5. Claims 2, 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. Claims 1, 3, 4, 17 and 18 are allowed over the prior art of record.


7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B. Corrielus whose telephone number is 571-272-3020.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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